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## **The Salvation Army Will Provide 800 Food Boxes to Yakima Families on June 3**

*Extraordinary need in community prompts second drive-through distribution event*

(YAKIMA, WA) – The Salvation Army in Yakima will host its second food distribution event on Wednesday, June 3. To follow up the event from two weeks ago, another drive-up food distribution event will be held in the same location, The Salvation Army thrift store parking lot at 9 S 6th Avenue. The event begins at 10am and will continue until all boxes have been distributed.

“After the food distribution event in May, it was clear that families in our community need food on an ongoing basis,” said Lt Nicholas Helms, director of The Salvation Army in Yakima. On May 20, The Salvation Army distributed 500 boxes in two hours, with people coming from nearby counties for the food. “This week, we’ve increased the number of food boxes, so we can serve more families.”

The food boxes are for anyone who needs one. There are no eligibility requirements or restrictions for receiving a box. Picking up a food box will be contact-less; drivers can simply pull up and a volunteer will place the box in their vehicle. Boxes will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each food box has an approximate value of \$30 and contains non-perishable food such as pasta, rice, canned vegetables, cereal, and shelf-stable protein. One box can sustain a family of four for 2 – 3 days.

The food boxes are funded by generous donations from the community. “We are fortunate to have financial support from individual and corporate donors, and grateful that many have really stepped up during this time of significant need in Yakima,” reported Lt Helms. Monetary donations are accepted online at [Yakima.SalvationArmy.org](http://Yakima.SalvationArmy.org).

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### About The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 when William Booth decided to take his ministry into the streets of London where it would reach the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. It is now part of the universal Christian Church, and an international organization meeting human needs in 130 countries around the globe. The Salvation Army continues its tradition in Washington by serving more than 500,000 people annually, always meeting human needs without discrimination. Among the services offered in this region are food, shelter, addiction recovery, domestic violence aid, youth programs, and disaster relief.

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